



Nicholas Goins

BSF—Forest Management Concentration

Who I AM:

My name is Nicholas Goins and I am a senior scheduled to graduate in May of 2017. I am from Calvin, Louisiana, which is located in Winn Parish. I graduated from Calvin High School in 2013 as one of four salutatorians in a class of 10. My parents are Kenneth and Jennifer Goins. My dad owns a timber business where he buys,

manages, harvests, and sells timber and my mom is a stay at home housewife. Education is very important to me and with vigorous studying and hard work I've been able to maintain a high GPA.

Why Forest Management?

I chose Forest Management for multiple reasons. First of all, in high school I was big into FFA Forestry. I competed in several forestry competitions including: area, state, southern regionals, and on a national level where our team placed third in the nation in Forestry. After five years of practicing and competing in forestry, I realized that I enjoyed forestry and could see myself doing it for the rest of my life. Another reason why I chose forest management is because I love to be outdoors among nature where it is peaceful and quiet. Thirdly, I have always been fascinated with how a forest grows and all the different components that are needed for a forest to grow successfully and produce products.

My Future Plans:

After graduation I plan to either work for my dad's timber company where I will manage, buy, harvest and sell timber or another option I have is to work for a larger corporation where I can use my forestry skills to help better the company. After several years of working in the industry and gaining knowledge and experience, I plan to manage my own timber business someday.